

ELLEN S. BUCKWALTER TAYLOR

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Ellen (Nellie), the third and youngest child of John Edwin and Susan Morris Buckwalter, was born on November 23, 1867, at American Fork, Utah. For a little over two years Nellie was blessed with a father's love. Her father died in 1870 of gangrene resulting from an injury sustained at Camp Floyd.

She underwent many hardships incident to the early pioneer days. Nellie attended school only two or three months a year until she reached the fifth grade. She had several severe illnesses during her life but she was spared to grow to womanhood.

On December 24, 1890, she was married to William Thomas Taylor of Lehi at the Manti Temple. During the ten years Will taught in Lehi, Nellie was called upon to make many costumes for school entertainments.

The first four children: William Edwin, Viva, Albert, and Jennie, were born at Lehi. At Jennie's birth Nellie was very ill, and only when the family moved to Salt Lake, did mother and child gain strength. While in Salt Lake City, two daughters, Helen and Sarah, were born. Then in 1912, returning to Lehi, Nellie began to care for Nanny Standring Taylor, who died the following year. Shortly after this Nellie's seventh child Frank, was born.

In 1919-20 Nellie was secretary and president, respectively, of the Missionary Wives and Parents Association. From early childhood she attended the church organizations. She was a Relief Society teacher for twenty years, which position she held at the time of her death, July 19, 1942.